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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

It is desired to cite for the record in this application the enclosed documents listed on the attached form. The paragraph(s) marked below are applicable to this Information Disclosure Statement

- [X] (1) The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: within three months of the filing date; or within three months of the entry of the national stage of the above-identified application; or before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Accordingly, Applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement is required.
- [] Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2), the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application and is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(1) INCLUDING A STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

[] Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1). The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application mailed not more than three months prior to the filing of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

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INCLUDING STATEMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.704(d) AND 1.97(e)(1)

[] (5) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by statements under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.704(d) and 1.97(e)(1). The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement and was

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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

INCLUDING A STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1)

[] (6) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being filed on or before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

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[] Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being filed on or before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The undersigned hereby states that no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

INCLUDING STATEMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.704(d) AND 1.97(e)(1)

[] Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being filed on or before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by statements under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.704(d) and 1.97(e)(1) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the attached Information

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However, Applicant(s) does not necessarily adopt the position reflected by that report.

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Respectfully submitted,

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